

# Morattico Options

| Odm                               | Turn          | Rte | Road   | For |
|-----------------------------------|---------------|-----|--|-----|
| 0.0                               | <b>Start</b>  |     | Lancaster High School                        |     |
| 0.0                               | <b>R</b>      |     | 3 Mary Ball Rd ⚠                             | 0.6 |
| 0.6                               | <b>R</b>      |     | 600 Courthouse Rd                            | 1.6 |
| 2.2                               | <b>L</b>      |     | 201 White Chapel Rd (at McNeal Corner)       | 0.6 |
| 2.8                               | <b>R</b>      |     | 600 Lara Rd (becomes Ridge Rd)               | 2.0 |
| 4.8                               | <b>L</b>      |     | 617 Alfonso Rd                               | 1.3 |
| 6.1                               |               | ⚠   | <b>Cross Route 3 (Mary Ball Road)</b> ⚠      |     |
| 6.1                               | <b>Str</b>    |     | 622 Morattico Rd                             | 2.9 |
| 9.0                               |               | ⚠   | <b>Cross Route 354 (River Road)</b> ⚠        |     |
| 9.0                               | <b>Str</b>    |     | 622 Morattico Rd                             | 3.6 |
| 12.6                              |               |     | <b>Rest Stop - Morattico General Store</b>   |     |
| 12.6                              | <b>U-Turn</b> |     | 622 Morattico Rd                             | 3.6 |
| 16.2                              | <b>R</b>      |     | 354 River Rd                                 | 0.9 |
| 17.1                              | <b>R</b>      |     | 683 Belle Isle Rd                            | 2.3 |
| 19.4                              |               |     | <b>Rest Stop - Belle Isle Picnic Shelter</b> |     |
| 19.4                              | <b>U-Turn</b> |     | 683 Belle Isle Rd                            | 2.3 |
| <b>Select Return Option Below</b> |               |     |  |     |

| Short Return Option - No Ferry Ride |            |   |   |     |
|-------------------------------------|------------|---|---|-----|
| 21.7                                | <b>R</b>   |   | 354 River Rd                            | 0.8 |
| 22.5                                | <b>L</b>   |   | 618 Nuttsville Rd                       | 1.3 |
| 23.8                                | <b>BR</b>  |   | 622 Morattico Rd                        | 1.6 |
| 25.4                                |            | ⚠ | <b>Cross Route 3 (Mary Ball Road)</b> ⚠ |     |
| 25.4                                | <b>Str</b> |   | 617 Alfonso Rd                          | 1.3 |
| 26.7                                | <b>R</b>   |   | 600 Lara Rd                             | 2.0 |
| 28.7                                | <b>L</b>   |   | 201 White Chapel Rd                     | 0.6 |
| 29.3                                | <b>R</b>   |   | 600 Courthouse Rd                       | 1.6 |
| 30.9                                | <b>L</b>   |   | 3 Mary Ball Rd ⚠                        | 0.7 |
| 31.6                                | <b>END</b> |   | Lancaster High School                   |     |

| Medium Return Option - Includes Ferry |            |  |  |     |
|---------------------------------------|------------|--|--|-----|
| 21.7                                  | <b>R</b>   |  | 354 River Rd   | 6.8 |
| 28.5                                  | <b>L</b>   |  | 604 Ottoman Ferry Rd                                       | 1.9 |
| 30.4                                  |            |  | <b>Cross the Corrotomon River on the Merry Point Ferry</b> |     |
| 30.7                                  | <b>Str</b> |  | 604 Merry Point Rd   | 1.7 |
| 32.4                                  | <b>R</b>   |  | 604 Merry Point Rd   | 3.1 |
| 35.5                                  | <b>END</b> |  | Lancaster High School                                      |     |

| Long Return Option - Includes Corrotomon Mouth and Ferry |               |  |  |      |
|--|---------------|--|--|------|
| 21.7   | <b>R</b>      |  | 354 River Rd   | 10.4 |
| 32.1   | <b>U-Turn</b> |  | 354 River Rd   | 3.6  |
| 35.7   | <b>R</b>      |  | 604 Ottoman Ferry Rd                                       | 1.9  |
| 37.6   |               |  | <b>Cross the Corrotomon River on the Merry Point Ferry</b> |      |
| 38.0   | <b>Str</b>    |  | 604 Merry Point Rd   | 1.7  |
| 39.7   | <b>R</b>      |  | 604 Merry Point Rd   | 3.1  |
| 42.8   | <b>END</b>    |  | Lancaster High School                                      |      |

## Important Notes:

1. The roads in the Central Virginia are not designed for cycling. Among other hazards, many of the roads have little to no shoulder, high speed limits, and blind turns. The fact that a road is included on this cue sheet does not mean that the road is considered safe for cycling. Always exercise extreme care when cycling on central Virginia roads.

2. Do not look at this cue sheet or map while riding. It is not safe to take your eyes off the road, even for a second. Always come to a complete stop first.

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## Route Description

This ride starts and ends at Lancaster High School, which is about 1.5 hours from the Richmond airport.

There are three distance options – short (32 miles), medium (36) and long (43). Highlights of all three options include a ride through the fishing village of Morattico and a visit to Belle Isle State Park on the banks of the Rappahannock River (not to be confused with the "Belle Isle" in Richmond). While in Morattico, don't miss a visit to the Morattico Waterfront Museum if it is open. Also, the covered shelter overlooking the Rappahannock River is a great place for a rest stop in Belle Isle State Park. The park also has very nice rest rooms.

The medium and long return options also include a ride on the Merry Point Ferry. The ferry leaves from the end of Ottoman Ferry Road. When you first turn on Ottoman Ferry Road, check the sign on the right that provides the ferry hours. If you miss the ferry, don't panic. You can get back to the ride start by backtracking on River Road (Rte 354) to White Chapel Road (Rte 201) and then taking White Chapel Road back to Route 3. At Route 3, turn right to head back to the ride start at the high school. Keep in mind that the detour around the ferry adds about 5 miles to the ride.